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EXDIS NAIROBI-FOR AMBASSADOR LOW, WHITE HOUSE-BRZEZINSKI

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA
LISBON FOR A LAKE, S/P WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY
REF: LUSAKA 1303

1. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT
KAUNDA IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL.

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2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR
URGENT MESSAGE OF MAY 14 AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN AT ANY
FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT IN RHODESIA THAT WOULD
INVOLVE ZAMBIA. IT IS PRECISELY TO AVOID THIS KIND OF
THING THAT WE HAVE AGREED WITH THE BRITISH TO UNDERTAKE A
NEW INITIATIVE TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA.

EXPANSION OF WARFARE AND VIOLENCE CAN ONLY HARM THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PARTIES IN THE AREA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALL WILL ACT IN A MANNER WHICH WILL LEAVE OPEN THE PATH TO PEACE. IN THIS REGARD YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH TO FIND WAYS TO URGE CAUTION AND RESTRAINT UPON IAN SMITH.

WHILE WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIAN MILITARY PLANNING, I HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO BE MADE IN CAPE TOWN IN ORDER THAT BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND RHODESIANS MIGHT KNOW THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE WOULD REGARD ANY RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO ZAMBIA. THIS IS NO TIME FOR THREATS FROM ANY SIDE.

I KNOW OF THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE THAT YOU AND YOUR NATION HAVE GIVEN TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN AFRICA AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU TO PRESERVE OUR STRONG HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN WARFARE WILL BE THE PATH TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. ONLY NEGOTIATIONS CAN YIELD THE KIND OF SETTLEMENT WHICH IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA.
END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE DELIVERY OF MESSAGE AND ANY ZAMBIAN RESPONSE. CHRISTOPHER

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